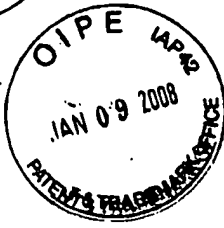


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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated July 10, 2007, the period for response having been extended three (3) months until January 10, 2008, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

A Petition for a Three (3) Month Extension of Time, a Notice of Appeal and the fees associated therewith are filed concurrently with this Response.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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